King County	Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention Adult Divisions General Policy Manual	
	Chapter 6 **Classification**	
6.05.005, Droplet Precaution/ COVID Positive/MPX Medical Isolation Housing	Approved By:	Director Allen Nance
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Purpose
To establish guidelines for transporting and housing droplet precaution, MPX positive/MPX rule out and COVID-19 positive inmate populations.

Policy
It is the policy of the department to establish guidelines for the proper treatment and protections of droplet precaution, MPX positive/MPX rule out and COVID-19 positive inmates.

References

Department Form:	Immediate Transfer Form (F-571) Medical Psych Transfer List (F-572)
Department Policy:	3.01.001, Exposure Control Plan for Bloodborne Pathogens 3.01.011, Health Precaution Codes 4.03.016, Inmate Escorts 4.04.010, Medical Isolation Transport 6.01.003, Health Identification Codes 7.01.001, Medical Alert Slips 7.03.002, Sanitation of Housing Units
JHS Standards:	J-B-02, Infectious Disease Prevention and Control

Definitions
Droplet Precaution: A medical precaution for inmates known or suspected to be infected, with pathogens transmitted by respiratory droplets that are generated by an individual who is coughing, sneezing or talking.
COVID-19 Positive: An inmate that has tested positive for COVID-19 as verified by a medical professional.
Monkey Pox (MPX) Positive: An inmate that has tested positive for Monkey Pox (MPX) as verified by a medical professional.
Monkey Pox (MPX) Rule Out: An inmate that has not tested positive for Monkey Pox (MPX) but has been exposed to MPX or is awaiting test results.
Contact Precaution: A medical precaution for inmates known or suspected to be infected with pathogens transmitted through contact with a contaminated individual, object or surface.

A. General Guidelines

1. JHS shall determine those inmates who require droplet precaution, contact precaution COVID-19 positive or MPX/MPX rule out medical isolation housing.
2. Inmates requiring droplet precaution and/or COVID-19 positive housing shall primarily be housed at the MRJC, except for inmates classified as suicidal. Suicidal inmates shall primarily be housed at KCCF. They may be housed, for a short period of time, at MRJC due to exigent circumstances or as determined by consultation with JHS, PES and classification. All suicidal inmates will be placed on close observation/15-minute security checks.
3. Inmate requiring MPX rule out precautions and/or MPX positive housing shall primarily be housed in the Infirmary at KCCF or in medical isolation housing at the MRJC.
4. Uniformed supervisor's approval shall be required for the transport of an inmate under droplet precaution, MPX/MPX rule out and/or COVID-19 positive housing.
5. Droplet precaution, MPX/MPX rule out and/or COVID-19 positive inmates shall be transported wearing a procedure mask in a sanitized vehicle. When possible, droplet precaution and/or COVID-19 positive inmates should be transported in individual compartments. If necessary, droplet precaution inmates may be grouped together, or COVID-19 positive inmates may be grouped together but must be transported separately from other inmates. MPX positive/MPX rule out inmates shall be transported individually.
6. Droplet Precaution inmates shall be medically isolated in single cell housing.
7. Inmates who are in droplet precaution, COVID-19/MPX positive or MPX rule out housing shall be afforded dayroom access daily for 30 minutes. If 30 minutes of daily access to the dayroom cannot be provided because the number of inmates in these housing locations is too high, they shall receive as much time out of cell as possible but no less than one (1) hour of dayroom access per week. During dayroom access, the inmates will have access to showers and a telephone. This unit will not have access to the yard-out.
8. Visiting: For droplet precaution inmates, the pass throughs will remain closed unless the attorney/professional visitor requires pass through access:
    a. If an attorney/professional visitor requests the pass through open, the visiting control/floor control officer will inform the attorney/professional visitor that the inmate is on droplet precautions and there is potential for exposure.
    b. The visiting control Officer will advise the attorney/professional visitor that the droplet precautions include wearing a procedure mask and gloves when the pass through is open.
9. For inmates who are on COVID-19 positive or MPX positive/MPX rule out precautions the pass throughs will remain closed at all times during the visit.
10. In order to maintain medical isolation, a non-group housing unit may be used to house all droplet precaution and/or COVID-19/MPX positive inmates, regardless of custody/security levels and gender. However, inmates of different gender shall never be housed in the same cell.
11. For inmates with suspected or confirmed MPX:
    a. Soiled linen or clothing:
        1) Do not shake out or otherwise disturb soiled linen and clothing in a manner that would cause any scabs or other materials to be dispersed into the air.
        2) Should first be placed in a biodegradable bag (allow wet items to fully dry before placing them into the biodegradable bag) and then placed into a garbage bag labeled as "biohazard." Any trash or other items removed from the cell should be placed into a garbage bag labeled as "biohazard."
        3) All paperwork (grievances, kites, etc.) should not be handled without out appropriate PPE and should be photographed by the shift sergeant for forwarding to the appropriate person.

12. Security checks shall be completed following Department policy 4.01.019, Security Checks.
13. Units are dedicated posts.

B. Procedure

Droplet Precaution/COVID-19/MPX Positive Housing

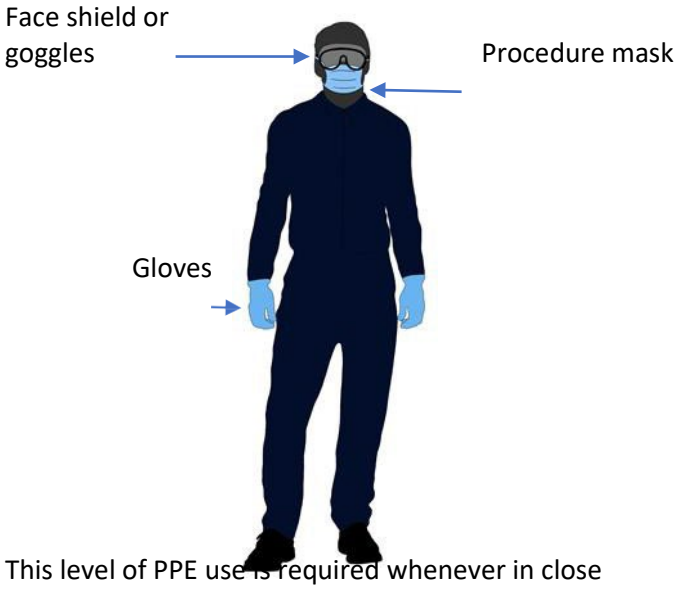
1. JHS will:
   a. Notify corrections staff the inmate requires droplet precaution and/or COVID-19/MPX positive/MPX rule out housing.
   b. Provide a 571 form to a CPS indicating the need to isolate a droplet precaution and/or COVID-19/MPX positive/MPX rule out inmate.
   c. Notify the duty sergeant and classification using Department Form F-572 when an inmate is medically cleared from droplet precaution and/or COVID-19/MPX positive/MPX rule out housing and can transfer to appropriate housing.
2. Corrections Officers shall:
   a. Notify the duty sergeant of the need to transport an inmate.
   b. Confer with the duty sergeant, JHS staff and Department policies regarding any precautions officers should employ.
   c. Verify the receiving cell has been sanitized prior to a new inmate arriving, and after an inmate has been transferred out of the cell and/or unit following Department policy 7.03.002, Sanitation of Housing Units. Document these actions in the JMS shift log.
   d. Confirm the inmate wears a procedure mask during escort/transport.
   e. Utilize appropriate PPE, as required.
   f. For an anticipated use of force with an inmate wear a N95 mask, gown or level II coveralls, goggles or a riot helmet with a face shield and gloves.
   g. Ensure inmate workers are issued PPE equipment as required.
   h. Document individual inmate access to the dayroom in JMS.
   i. At the MRJC, staff shall continue to use the area behind the glass for dayroom access, when appropriate.
   j. The dayroom area, to include the shower/bathroom areas, shall be cleaned, disinfected and sanitized by the inmate workers ***after each*** inmate has had their dayroom access. Document this action in the JMS shift log.
   k. The officer will exchange the inmate's mask daily or when the mask appears visibly soiled or wet.
3. The Duty Sergeant shall:
   a. Authorize the transfer by signing the F-571.
   b. Notify the escort/transport officer(s) to utilize appropriate PPE as required.
   c. Ensure inmate is transferred to appropriate housing.

Use Of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)When Working

Procedure Masks are required to be worn on duty at all times unless a higher level of protection is needed

LEVEL ONE PPE

Duties that require frequent and/or close contact* with individuals who are **not** known droplet or COVID-19/MPX patients.

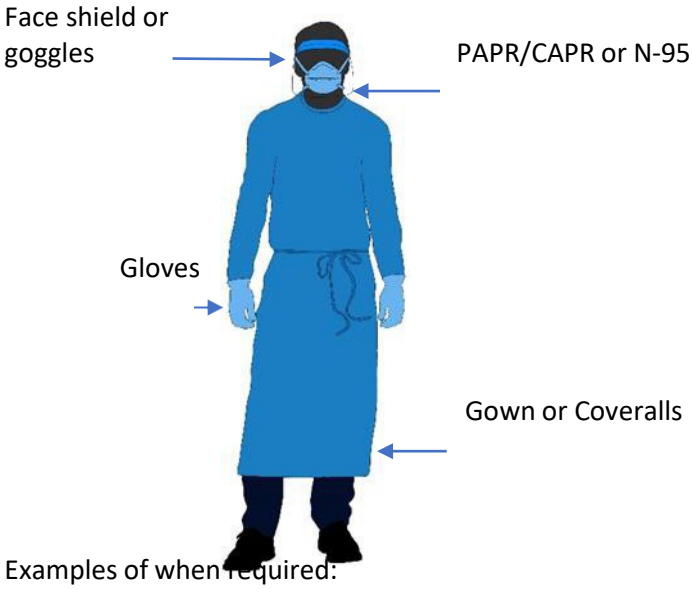


This level of PPE use is required whenever in close contact with anyone in custody. Examples include:

- Within six feet of someone assigned to Quarantine housing or when assigned to a Hospital facility.
- Within six feet of someone who has not been initially screened for COVID (ITR/ARV)

LEVEL TWO PPE

Duties with high potential for exposure to known droplet or suspected sources of COVID-19/MPX.



Examples of when required:

- Within six feet of someone who is Droplet Precaution or COVID/MPX
- Standing by or conducting COVID testing within six feet
- Cleaning a transport vehicle after transport of someone who is Droplet Precaution or COVID/MPX
- Entering Droplet Precaution or COVID/MPX KCCF dayrooms and MRJC dayrooms behind glass. (A gown is not required when entering these dayrooms)
- All Anticipated Use of Force Instances

N-95s should be kept on your person when on duty. Situations can change such as unanticipated uses of force, medical emergencies etc. where closer contact is required.

*Close contact refers to being within six feet of someone for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour Period.